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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In recent years one of the trends in education is the emphasis on education of a continuing sort. A free-reading program is one means to develop growing independence in reading and the acceptance of more responsibility on the part of the learner.

President Seymore of Yale has said, "The well-educated man is one who has learned to educate himself."¹ One might say that the well-read man is one who has learned to read effectively on his own initiative. A free-reading program will help the learner increase his initiative in getting and using reading materials. Most children, if placed in close proximity to suitable reading material will develop interest and tastes in reading. The flexibility which is characteristic of any free-reading program makes it possible to meet the needs of every pupil in class regardless of varying needs, abilities, and interests.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, in a discussion of the necessity of being able to read well, has the following to say:

1. National Council of Teachers of English, The Committee on College Reading. A Guide to Good Reading. (New York: Hendricks House, Farrar Strauss, 1948), p. 203.

As long as mankind as a whole was reasonable close to primitive processes it was reasonable safe to depend to some extent upon instinct. Its mandates cannot be taught or acquired by intelligence, but are learned in some subconscious, non-rational way from just living. Of course, mighty little that's of any use to us can be learned about the modern world by just living. To be completely Celtic, we would all be dead very soon if we tried that method. Even the most primitive and natural of all human occupations, agriculture, will no longer support a man who practices it by instinct alone. He must acquire by his intelligence a body of information of which his ancestors never dreamed, and he must apply underlying principles accurately and logically, or he will soon have a mortgage on his farm.²

Spaulding,³ after an extensive study designed to appraise the social competence of boys and girls who are through with the secondary school in New York State, concluded that "most boys and girls read almost solely for recreation, chiefly in magazines of mediocre or inferior fiction and in daily newspapers." He found that, while the boys and girls were reasonably well acquainted with standard school selections, they tended very largely to let books alone once they were out of school.

2. Ibid., p. 205.

3. Francis T. Spaulding. High School and Life, The Regents Inquire into the Character and Cost of Public Education in the State of New York. (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 1938), pp. 43-44.

Leary in an extensive summary of research findings relating to the carry over of reading habits from school to out-of-school life emphasizes "the fact that less than two percent of the 130,000,000 people in this country are book readers."⁴ This is a serious indictment of our reading program--an activity to which a major portion of school time is devoted. It is hoped that a free-reading program which will meet the interests of the student will help to transfer the reading habit to out-of-school behavior.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

The writer, in an attempt to encourage the free-reading habits of seventh grade students, has felt a definite need for a list of good books of different classes. This list would serve as a ready source for making recommendations to students according to their interests. A great number of bibliographies were available, but none could be found by the writer which would give an overall view of reading interests and still be concise enough for use as a quick reference. It is from this felt need for an easily accessible reference list that the basis for this

4. Bernice E. Leary, "What Does Research Say About Reading?" Journal of Educational Research, XXXIX (February, 1946), 435.

study arose. Specifically stated, the problem of this study is the preparation of an annotated bibliography, organized under classified topics to meet the reading interests of seventh grade students.

LIMITATIONS

This study is limited to those books which are on the reading level of the seventh grade student. Two forms of the Stanford Test⁶ were given by the author to a seventh grade class of 73 pupils during the school year of 1949-1950. Advanced Reading Test:Form E was given at the beginning of the year and Advanced Reading Test:Form D was given at the end of the year. The lowest score on Form E indicated an average reading grade equivalent of 4.1, and on Form D, the lowest score indicated an average reading grade equivalent of 4.3. The highest score on Form E indicated an average reading grade equivalent of 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. On Form D the highest score also indicated an average grade equivalent of 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

5. The classified topics used are those the writer has found to be most often requested. They are general enough to include nearly all types of books but are also selective enough to meet the pupil interest demand.

6. Kelly, Truman L., Giles M. Rush, and Lewis M. Terman, Stanford Achievement Test, Advanced Reading Test (Chicago: World Book Company, 1940), 6 p.

This means that the reading ability of one seventh grade class varied from a low of that equivalent to a fourth grade pupil to a high, equivalent to that of a high school senior.

Recognizing this wide range of reading ability, and in order not to defeat the purpose of the free-reading program the writer has included in each class some books which are above or below the average reading ability of the seventh grade student. The suitability of the book for a given grade was determined by accepting the statement of the publisher as the most accurate measure available.

This study has been further limited to include only those books which are approved by the Kansas University Reading Program.⁷ Since this program, which is participated in by many Kansas schools, gives added incentive to the free-reading program, the writer feels such a limitation to be justified.

No attempt has been made to list the publisher of each book as this study is intended primarily as an easily accessible classroom aid, and it is believed that librarians will have access to sufficient publishers' lists in cases where the books will need to be ordered.

7. A complete explanation of the Kansas University Reading Program will be found on page 6 under the general topic Definition of Terms.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Free-Reading--While this study deals only with books recommended for free-reading, the writer interprets free-reading to include any reading which the student does voluntarily and during this own free time. This would include the reading of books, newspapers, and magazines. Since the main purpose of free-reading is to develop an appreciation for reading and to improve the reading ability of the student through actual participation, any reading which the student does is encouraged as a worthwhile activity. The main purpose of the teacher then is not to choose books for the student or to force him to read certain books, but to encourage the student to read better books.

University of Kansas Reading Program--

The University of Kansas Reading Program for Children has grown from the conviction that reading for pleasure is an essential element in the life-long process of education. The program is designed to stimulate the reading of good books by children in the elementary schools. The program is not intended to be a part of the regular school curriculum. It is offered as an enjoyable leisure-time activity which will add something of value to the education of those participating.⁸

The program is open to all children in the state in grades three through nine. The University of Kansas awards

8. Extension Library Service, Reading Program for Children (Lawrence: University of Kansas, 1948), p. 2.

certificates to every child who fulfills the requirements of the reading plan. A silver seal is given on the certificate to every child who reads twelve books, and a gold seal is given if twenty-five or more books are read. In order to earn a certificate, the children must fulfill the following conditions:

1. Read in any twelve-month period a minimum of twelve books from the approved book lists.
2. Read one or more books falling in each of three of the following classes: (a) biography; (b) folktales; (c) fiction; (d) information; (e) poetry.
3. Complete the report form as evidence of fulfillment of the preceding conditions. The report must be certified by the sponsor.

Books which are read in fulfilling requirements for a certificate must be listed in one or more of the lists of books approved by the program. The lists which are approved are as follows:

A BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES, Compiled by a Joint Committee of the American Library Association, National Education Association and National Council of Teachers of English. Published by American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan, Chicago; 1943. Price \$2.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, Published by the Association for Childhood Education, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; 1950. Price 75 cents.

THE BOOKLIST, A Guide to Current Books. Published semi-monthly by American Library Association, 520 N. Michigan, Chicago. Subscription price \$3 per year.

THE JUNIOR-LITERARY GUILD BOOKS, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

CHILDREN'S BOOKSHELF of Kansas Teacher Published at 315 W. Tenth, Topeka, Kansas. Subscription price \$3 per year.

CHILDREN'S CATALOG, 6th or 7th ed. rev., Siri Andrews, Dorothy E. Cook, Agnes Cowing, eds. Published by the H. W. Wilson Company, 950 University Ave., New York 52, N. Y.; 1941. Sold on service basis.

500 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, AND SUPPLEMENT, Nora E. Beust, ed. Published by the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Education, United States Government Printing Office, Washington D. C.; 1940. Price 15 cents.

FOR THE CHILDREN'S BOOKSHELF, A Booklist for Parents. Published by the Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.; 1944. Price 10 cents.

THE KANSAS STATE READING CIRCLE BOOK LIST, 315 W. Tenth, Topeka, Kansas.

READING FOR FUN, For Boys and Girls in the Elementary School (Supplement--Out of print), Eloise Ramsey, ed. Published by the National Council of Teachers of English, 211 W. Sixty-Eighth, Chicago; 1937. Price 10 cents, without supplement.

THE RIGHT BOOK FOR THE RIGHT CHILD, A Graded Buying List of Children's Books Selected by a subcommittee of the Board of Library Service to Children and Young People of the American Library Association. Published by the John Day Company, 2 W. Forty-Fifth, N. Y. Price \$3.

SELECTED LIST OF BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, Issued by the Association of Children's Book Editors with the cooperation of The New York Times. Published by the Children's Book Council, 62 W. Forty-Fifth, N. Y. Price 5 cents.

TREASURE FOR THE TAKING, A Book List for Boys and Girls, Anne Thaxter Eaton, ed. Published by the Viking Press, 18 E. Forty-Eighth, N. Y.; 1946. Price \$2.50.

YOUR READING, A Reading List for Grades 7, 8 and 9, Mark Neville, ed. Published by the National Council of Teachers of English, 211 W. Sixty-Eighth, Chicago 21; 1946. Price 30 cents.

THE JUNIOR-LITERARY GUILD BOOKS, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.¹⁰

The program is administered through the offices of city and county superintendents of schools. It may be sponsored by a teacher, librarian, or any school official.

10. Ibid., pp. 3-4.

METHOD USED

In preparing the bibliography a careful study was made of all available bibliography lists, book catalogues, and book reviews to secure suitable books for each class. Each book selected was then checked as was previously described to determine whether or not it was within the range of the various seventh grade reading levels. If a book was acceptable thus far it was then checked against the book lists which are accepted by the University of Kansas Reading Program. If the book was listed in any one of these book lists it was then placed in the bibliography in its proper class. An annotation was then prepared for each book as the writer felt that an interesting statement about the story would arouse interest in the book and be a motivating factor in reading. Finally the books in each class of the completed bibliography were arranged in alphabetical order according to their title.

RELATED STUDIES

No research study was found which presented a list of recommended reading for any single grade level, although several pointed out the desirability of a free-reading program. Helen Claire Sagstetter in 1939 prepared a master's

thesis under the title of A Study Of Students' Interests and Preferences Of Current Magazine Literature In A Small Consolidated Secondary School. She concluded that children had too much free time for reading at home, and that the home afforded little or no reading material. She suggests the way is paved for an improved school offering for leisure-time reading.¹¹

Catherine Marie Rooney in 1940 submitted to George Washington University a master's thesis entitled An Annotated Bibliography Of Fiction And Folklore On Latin America Suitable For Children. She presents an annotated bibliography of fiction and folklore, classified by countries, and arranged alphabetically by author under each country.¹²

The following chapters contain the selected books. Many of the books could be listed under more than one classification but each book is listed only one time in order to shorten and simplify the list for easier reference by the student. Since this is the case, each book has been

11. Helen Claire Sagstetter, A Study Of Students' Interests And Preference Of Current Magazine Literature In A Small Consolidated Secondary School, Master's Thesis, Ohio University, 1939.

12. Catherine Marie Rooney, An Annotated Bibliography Of Fiction And Folklore On Latin America Suitable For Children, Master's Thesis, George Washington University, 1940.

placed in the class which the writer believes best describes the book. For example "Call of the Wild" might be classified in either the chapter on Adventure or the one on Dog Stories. It has been placed in the chapter on Dog Stories because the writer believes it is predominately the story of a dog.

The following chapters are arranged in alphabetical order according to chapter titles, and the books in each chapter are also listed in alphabetical order.

CHAPTER II

ADVENTURE STORIES

Seventh grade students live in a world of adventure. They thrill at the hero's exploits and groan at his defeats. Their vivid imagination carries them through each chapter as a participant in the adventure. They thrive on the excitement, suspense, and adventure of each unfolding episode.

Adventure of Huckleberry Finn Samuel L. Clemens
Adventure along the Mississippi river when Huck helps a negro slave escape by floating down the river on a craft.

Adventures of Tom Sawyer Samuel L. Clemens
A humorous story of life along the river and some of the amusing superstitions that prevailed among the negro slaves.

Air Patrol Henry Lent
Jim Brewster receives the Distinguished Flying Cross while flying for the U. S. Coast Guard.

Black Arrow Robert Louis Stevenson
The tale of the Wars of the Roses and of turbulent times in England.

Black Buccaneer Stephen W. Meader
A hair-raising tale of pirates, fierce battles, hidden gold, and sudden death.

Book of Marvels Richard Halliburton
The story and pictures of places visited by Halliburton in the Occidental world.

Book of Pirates Howard Pyle
A set of stories of such swashbuckling, wicked, colorful, and villainous pirates as was never seen before.

Caddie Woodlawn Carol R. Brink
The experiences of Caddie and her brothers and sisters with Indians, prairie fire, and other exciting events.

- Captains Courageous Rudyard Kipling
A rich boy washes overboard off the coast of Newfoundland where he is picked up by a fishing schooner and forced to serve as a crewman on the schooner.
- Circus Shoes Noel Streatfeild
Two children empack on an adventurous career after running away from school to join the circus.
- Cowboys and Cattle Trails Shannon and Warren Garst
Adventure in the early days while driving cattle from Texas to Wyoming.
- Don Quixote Miguel De Cervante Saavedna
An amusing story of a knight who fought windmills and charging armies of sheep. A book full of adventure.
- Eagles Roar! Byron F. Kennerly
A first-hand story of the Eagle squadron of the R. A. F.
- Flying Tigers Russell Whelan
The adventure and suspense of flying with the Flying Tigers in China's war against Japan.
- Horsemen of the Plains Joseph A. Altsheler
Excitement in the Rocky Mountains in 1860. A story of wild animals, Cheyenne Indians, and flirtation with death.
- Hurricane Weather Howard Pease
Adventure of two boys on a schooner in the storm tossed South Pacific.
- I Married Adventure Osa Johnson
The story of Martin and Osa Johnson and their adventures photographing animals in Africa.
- Klondike Gold Hubert U. Coryell
The romance and glamour of the gold rush of '98 with the adventure of early Alaska makes an interesting story.
- Listen! The Wind Anne Morrow Lindbergh
The story of ten days spent in Africa while waiting for favorable weather to fly to South America.

- Rocket Ship Galileo Robert A. Heinlein
Three boys and their teacher build a rocket ship
and travel to the moon.
- Shasta of the Wolves Olaf Baker
Adventures of Shasta who is adopted by a wolf mother
and brought up in kinship with wild life.
- Silver Widgion Esther Wood
Exciting story of children marooned in the North
Woods with no food or means of communication.
- The End of Long John Silver David W. Moore
This is an exciting yarn about the characters of
Treasure Island and is full of action.
- The Fun of It Amelia Earhart
Amelia Earhart tells of the adventures of a woman
learning to fly.
- The Rush for Gold Frank L. Beals
Adventure and hardships are many in this story of
the search for gold in California.
- The Spanish Cave Geoffrey Household
A story about a boy who explores a weird cave.
- Trap-lines North Stephen W. Meader
An adventure story about making the round of a
trap-line in the winter wilderness of Ontario.
- Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson
A story of pirates, sailing, hidden island, and
the furious battles of men searching for buried
pirate treasure.
- Trigger John's Son Tom Robinson
The story of Trigger, an orphan, who falls in
with a boys' gang and a blind hermit.
- Two Years before the Mast Richard H. Dana
The adventure and excitement of the life of a sail-
or aboard a tug in the early 19th century.
- Wild Trek Jim Kjelgand
An Alaskan Ranger travels into a valley of no re-
turn in search of a wrecked plane and meets a mad
killer.

CHAPTER III

ANIMAL STORIES

The topic of animals is a favorite with seventh grade boys and girls. Nearly all have some pet of their own and they like to read stories which they can link with their own lives.

Dog Stories

- Always Reddy Marguerite Henry
The adventures of an Irish setter who was the best
bird dog on the river.
- American Champions Gladys E. Cook
A picture book of famous dogs and an explanation of
each.
- Beautiful Joe Marshall Saunders
Beautiful Joe was a dog owned by a cruel master who
finally found a new and happy home.
- Big Red James A. Kuelgaard
Story of an Irish setter who loves to hunt and eventu-
ally tracks down an outlaw bear.
- Blackjack Thomas C. Hinkle
Blackjack, a range dog, was born in the wilds and
kills the leader of a pack of wild dogs and breaks
up the pack.
- Call of the Wild Jack London
Adventures of a St. Bernard dog in the Klondike and
his final return to become the leader of a pack of
wolves.
- Crazy Dog Curly Thomas C. Hinkle
The adventures of a mischievous and lovable puppy
that belonged to the McDonalds.

- Dick's Dog, Bello Meindert De Jong
A dutch boys devotion to his huge dog and how the
dog changed the boy's life.
- Dog of Flanders Louise De La Ramee
Story of Little Nello and his dog and of Christmas
in Antwerp.
- Flop-eared Hound Ellis Credle
The story of a negro boy and his flop-eared hound.
There are many fine photographs.
- Friend in the Dark Ruth A. Knight
Story of how Seeing Eye dogs and their masters are
trained.
- Lad, A Dog Albert P. Terhune
Bruce was not smart like most collies, but was a
senseless pup, the despair of his owner.
- Lassie Come Home Eric M. Knight
Lassie, a Collie, is separated from home and has to
travel four hundred miles to return to the family.
- The Little Stray Dog Meindert De Jong
The heart warming rescue of a little stray dog.
- May I Keep Dogs Kitty Barne
Adventure with dogs when three war-time children in
England open a kennel.
- Pretzel Margaret Rey
A humorous story of as funny as daschund as ever
lived in a book.
- The Return of Silver Chief Jack O'Brien
Silver Chief and Jim Thorne, a Canadian Mounty have
an exciting life in the North country and catch a
Nazi in a story of thrills and suspense.
- Sergeant Squiffy, Army Dog Arthur C. Bartlett
This is the story of the adventures of a cocker
spaniel and a boy on an army post, and how they
capture a band of saboteurs.
- Silver Chief, Dog of the North Jack O'Brien
Captured and tamed by a Canadian Mounty, Silver Chief
proves his loyalty and dependability.

- Snow Dog James A. Kjelgaard
The adventures of a dog, who was born wild but eventually found his way to the world of men.
- Sugar Shanty Louis Richardson Rorke
Nippy, an unusual dog, and his boy master lead an interesting life on the farm.
- Vicki: A Guide Dog Margaret S. and Helen L. Johnson
A Boxer puppy goes to England, loses her master, and returns to the States to become a Seeing-Eye dog.
- White Fang Jack London
Story of a wolf-dog who learned loyalty to three types of masters.
- Wilderness Champion Joseph W. Lippincott
This story of Reddy, a great hunting hound, tells of thrilling encounters with mountain lions, grizzlies and foxes.
- Wolf, A Range Dog Thomas C. Hinkle
The story of Wolf, a dog of the range, and his experiences in the old West.
- The Wolf King Joseph W. Lippincott
This is the thrilling and dramatic story of a giant wolf who befriended Reddy, the champion hound.
- Wolf, the Storm Leader Frank Caldwell
The story of an Alaskan wolf who becomes the leader of a mail-carrier's dog train.

Horse Stories

- A Pony Called Lightning Miriam Mason
This is the story about an ambitious little Indian pony who longs to outrun everything that travels fast--even lightning.
- Black Beauty Anna Sewell
A story of the life of a horse and the cruel treatment he received until rescued and taken to a happy home.
- Black Stallion Walter Farley
The adventures of a small boy and a black stallion who were stranded on an island but who came back to win the Grand Final race.
- Black Stallion and Satan Walter Farley
Black Stallion meets his son, Satan, for the first time and they race to see who is faster.
- Black Storm Thomas C. Hinkle
The adventures of a black stallion who was stolen by a gang of crooks and lives an exciting life before being returned to his owner.
- Blind Colt Glen Rounds
Young Whitney saves the life of a blind colt and the colt repays the care and training by proving his worth.
- Blood Bay Colt Walter Farley
The story of a blooded colt and his three boy owners, and how he eventually wins the worlds harness racing record.
- Buttonwood Island Lavinia Davis
Headquarters for a riding club are located on a secret island and the members stumble on a mystery.
- Crazy Quilt Paul Brown
The performances of a pony, donkey, and dogs, all taught them by Flop Foot, the clown.
- Hobby Horse Hill Lavinia Davis
A story of horses, an amateur circus, and a prowling stranger all combine to make an exciting book.

- Island Stallion Walter Farley
An exciting story of an Arabian colt who was found on an island and trained to become the greatest of all racehorses.
- King of the Wind Marguerite Henry
One of the finest horse stories ever written. This is the story of Arabian Godolphin, an ancestor of Man O' War.
- Little Magic Horse Petr Ershov
A fascinating story of a little humpbacked horse.
Translated from Russian.
- Micky, the Horse that Volunteered Carl Glick
The story of Micky, a cowboy's horse, who became a hero when he was made a member of the army cavalry.
- My Friend Flicka Mary O'Hara
This is the story of a boy and his mother on a western ranch and of Flicka, a beautiful colt.
- National Velvet Enid Bagnold
Velvet Brown, who loves horses disguised herself as a jockey and won the Grand National.
- Peter's Pinto Mary Buff
A boy named Peter works all summer to earn a pinto pony he has always wanted.
- Pit Pony Nina L. Banning
The story of a boy and his pony who work in the mines.
Full of fights and races.
- Prairie Colt Stephen W. Holt
Big Red, a prairie colt, becomes a special friend and finally wins the big race.
- Silver Saddles Covelle Newcomb
A young boy makes a three hundred mile trip to bring back a valuable horse who must first be broken to ride.
- Silver Stallion Bill and Bernard Martin
There is plenty of adventure as Melissa, Danny, and Eagle, The Indian boy, try to solve the mystery of the silver stallion.

- Smoky, the Cow Horse Will James
 Story of a cow-pony told by a real cowboy in western
 language.
- Spunky Berta Hader
 The little Shetland pony keeps his spirit through-
 out several changes of master and wanderings.
- Star Forrestine Hooker
 The story of an Indian pony which belonged to the
 daughter of a Comanche chief.
- Sun Up Will James
 A collection of short stories which tell of life
 around the cow camps in the early day West.
- Topkick, U. S. Army Horse Helen Watson
 A grand story beginning with Topkick's birth and
 following him through his career in the army.

Other Animals

- Animals Nobody Knows** Ivan Sanderson
A description of twenty-one unusual animals and information about their homes and mode of living..
- Animal Tales** Ivan Sanderson
A group of stories about animals of all countries.
- Animal Treasure** Ivan Sanderson
The author describes the animals, insects, and reptiles he has collected in the African jungle.
- Back-yard Zoo** Daniel P. Mannix
The author tells of his experience in caring for various small animals he has captured.
- Big Zoo** William Bridges
The story of the animals in the New York Zoo with photographs of the animals.
- Cities of Wax** Julie C. Kenly
An interesting and exciting story of the life of the bee.
- Dash and Dart** Mary Buff
The story of two fawns in the forest with pictures of them at play.
- Doctor Dolittle's Circus** Hugh Lofting
Doctor Dolittle joins the circus to pay for a boat he wrecked in Dr. Dolittle's voyages.
- Farm Animals** Dorothy Hogner
Facts about animals common to the farm with descriptions, habits, and history given.
- Gayneck** Dhan Mukerji
Story of Gayneck, a homing pigeon, and his adventures while carrying messages during the war.
- Jimmy** Harold E. Baynes
The story of a mischievous black bear cub and his life with the author until he grew up and was put in a zoo.

- Jungle Beasts and Men Dhan Gopal Mukerji
An Indian youth encounters wild beasts of the jungle,
listens to tales of magicians and watches the animals
in the forest.
- Jungle Book Rudyard Kipling
A group of stories about tigers, elephants, wolves,
bears, and many other animals of the jungle.
- Life Story of Birds Eric Daglish
The author describes birds in general, nesting, their
eggs, their food, their enemies, and what they look
like.
- Life Through the Ages Charles R. Knight
This is the story of prehistoric animals and a few
of their present-day descendants. Illustrated with
full page drawings.
- Lion Elmer Johnson
The thrilling experiences of the author while photo-
graphing lions at close range in the African jungle.
- Millions of Cats Wanda Gag
A picture story of an old man who sets out to get
a kitten and comes home with "millions of cats".
- The Monkey with a Notion Glen O. Blough
Adventures of a monkey in a pet shop who did what-
ever occurred to him and who turned out to be a
hero.
- Rosie, the Rhino Marion Conger
Rosie, a rhinoceros, walks out to the zoo, get a
new hat, and takes a stroll about town.
- Tarnish Osa Johnson
Tarnish is a young lion cub and this is the story
of his life from the day of his birth until he is
full grown.
- Timothy Turtle Alice U. Davis
The story of the terrible predicament of a turtle
when turned on his back.

Watched by Wild Animals Enos A. Mills
A detailed story of interesting facts about the
lives of wild animals.

Who Goes There Dorothy Lathrop
A picture book of the winter woods and the small
animals who live there such as rabbits, chipmunks,
porcupine and others.

Wild Animals of the Five Rivers Country . George C. Franklin
Stories about an antelope, a porcupine, a wolf, a
coyote, a fox, a skunk and many other animals of the
forest.

Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame
The adventures of Water Rat, Mole Toad and Badger
make interesting reading. Lots of pictures.

CHAPTER IV

BIOGRAPHY

Every child is interested in other people, especially people who have become national heroes or have done some outstanding work. Biography introduces the child to these people and gives him a better understanding of the heritage he inherits.

Adventures of Buffalo Bill William F. Cody
Buffalo Bill tells his own life story of adventure with the Indians.

Beethoven Opal Wheeler
The life of a boy composer who later became world famous for his musical compositions.

Boy Scouts' Life of Lincoln Ida M. Tarbell
A biography of Lincoln with emphasis on the facts most interesting to boys.

Boy's Life of Edison William Meadowcroft
A vivid and intimate account of Edison's life, written by a member of his laboratory staff.

Boy's Life of Kit Carson Flora W. Seymour
The life and adventures of Kit Carson, woodsman, mountaineer, free trapper and Indian fighter.

Buffalo Bill Frank L. Beals
A story of Buffalo Bill's life full of adventure and an especially good story of the Pony Express.

Clara Barton Mildred M. Pace
Clara Barton's life, through her hardships and trials during the Civil War, to her success at having the United States government recognize the Red Cross.

Daniel Boone James Dougherty
The life and adventures of a dauntless pioneer in conquering the American frontier.

- Davy Crockett Constance Rourke
The story of a famous Indian fighter and hunter,
and one of the most daring pioneers of his time.
- Dr. George Washington Carver Shirley Graham and
George D. Lipscomb
A heartwarming story of the rise of an American Negro
to the heights of a great scientist.
- George Washington Ingri D'Aulaire
An introduction to the early American hero which
gives the child a sense of the man behind the hero.
- Have You Seen Tom Thumb? Mable Hunt
A story of the famous midget discovered by Barnum
and his travels over the world.
- Heroes of Civilization Joseph Cottler
Short interesting biographies of famous men and women
of history who have made contributions as inventors
and discoverers.
- Invincible Louisa Cornelia Meigs
An interesting biography of Louisa M. Alcott who
wrote many interesting books for children.
- Joel Chandler Harris Alvin F. Harlow
An interesting biography of the creator of Uncle Remus
and Brer Rabbit.
- Juarez, Hero of Mexico Nina B. Baker
A sympathetically told life of the great Mexican
liberator told in an interesting manner which helps
to understand Mexican history.
- The Life and Times of Simon Bolivar . . . Hindrik Van Loon
A stirring story of a picturesque figure which also
gives an over-all view of South America.
- Men Who Found Out Annabel Williams-Ellis
Sketches of the lives of great scientists who have
found the answers to many puzzling questions.
- Microbe Man Eleanor Doorly
The story of Pasteur's search for a way to cure
rabies. An interesting story of the laboratory.

- No Other White Men Julia Davis
An account of the Lewis and Clark expedition full
of hardships and terrors of Indians and bears.
- River-boy Isabel Proudfit
The life of Mark Twain told in conversational style.
Illustrated with pen sketches.
- Stanley's Africa Rafaili Bosoni
An exciting account of the great nineteenth century
explorer and his expedition into mysterious Africa.
- Stonewall Julia Davis
The life and character of hard-working ambitious,
and self-disciplined Stonewall Jackson.
- The Story of My Life Helen Keller
A story of the early life and education of Helen
Keller who was deaf, dumb, and blind from birth.
- Thomas Jefferson Gene Lisitzky
An excellent biography which gives a vivid picture
of America during Jefferson's lifetime.
- Will Rogers P. J. O'Brien
The story of the beloved "cowpuncher", humorist, and
actor, including many of his anecdotes and sayings.

CHAPTER V

CAREERS

This is the age when children begin to plan what they will do when they "grow up". They enjoy reading the stories about a career in which they can envision themselves as the leading actor.

A.B.C. of Architecture Charles M. Price

This book discusses the field of architecture from the standpoint of choosing it for a profession.

Amarantha Gay, M. D. Emma Sterne

The hardships of a woman who wants to be a doctor in the early eighties.

Bob Lane, News Cameraman Edward Ford

A fictional story of a news cameraman which describes the work and duties of one employed in newspaper production.

Brave Nurse Ellsworth Newcomb

The story of different nurses as they carry out their duties as war nurses.

Clear Track Ahead Henry Lent

The story of the operation and scheduling of trains.

Electrical Occupations L. M. Klinefelter

The book makes a survey of the opportunities in electrical work today.

Full Ahead Felix Riesenbergr Jr.

A good description of the life of a youth in the Merchant Marines. Both training and duty at sea.

Gay Design Adele De Leeuw

The story of a woman who works her way to the top in the field of dress designing.

- Highway Past Her Door Mary Thompson
A girl thrown on her own resources to earn a living
opens and operates a road side market.
- Hill Lawyer Hubert Skidmore
Story of a young lawyer's first case in a mountain
town.
- I Like Diving Thomas Eadie
Experiences of a deep sea diver as told by a pro-
fessional diver. Tells how sunken ships are salvaged.
- Medical Occupations Available to Boys When They Grow Up . .
L. M. Klinefelter
A boy visits all the different medical men and by
a series of questions and answers learns about each
field of work.
- Medical Occupations For Girls L. M. Klinefelter
A description of all the positions available to
women in the field of medicine.
- Million Miler John R. Tunis
The story of the training, duties, and adventures of
a pilot employed in the air transportation service
as told through the eyes of a pilot.
- Nurse! Irmengarde Eberle
A story of the possibilities in a great profession.
- On the Air, the Story of Radio John Floherty
An interesting account, with illustrations, of the
functioning of a radio station.
- Our G Men Irving Crump
The story of the operation of G Men as they track
down criminals for the government.
- Pilot Jack Knight A. M. Anderson
The exciting duties of a pilot both as an army flier
and as a carrier of the air mail.
- River Rising! Hubert Skidmore
An action story of a school teacher in a lumber camp
in the Blue Ridge mountains.

- Road to Anywhere Frances Maule
A description of the various possibilities for advancement by one who has had stenographic training.
- Skycruiser Howard M. Brier
A test pilot detects and prevents foul play in a Seattle airplane factory.
- Story of Mining Martha Gruening
A book describing the processes involved and the labors needed to mine the different ores.
- Sue Barton, Student Nurse H. D. Boylston
Life in a nurse's training school of a great hospital as told by a student nurse who gets into more than the usual number of scrapes.
- There Is the Land Erick Berry
A picture of farm life with the charm as well as the hard work involved.
- What Do You Want to Be George Waltz Jr.
A discussion of a wide range of careers such as engineering, farming, and teaching.
- What Engineers Do Walter D. Binger
A detailed description of the work which is actually done by the civil engineer.
- White Witch Doctor Louise A Stivetorf
A story of a missionary nurse and her work and experiences on the "Dark Continent" in the heart of North Africa.

CHAPTER VI

ETIQUETTE

At the age of twelve or thirteen children begin to be conscious of their part in society and seek approval of their actions in that society. Dates and parties are becoming a part of their interest and they are eager to do the right thing.

Behave Yourself! Betty Allen and Mitchell Briggs
Etiquette for the teen age. Answers questions of correct social and business behavior.

Etiquette Jr. Mary E. Clark
This book covers the entire field of manners for boys and girls from conversation, to school, and the first job.

Good Manners Beth B. McLean
A guide to good behavior for boys and girls. Covers everyday activities and social occasions.

It's More Fun when You Know the Rules . . Beatrice Pierce
A teen-age book for girls on problems such as clothes, letter writing, conversation, travel and many others.

Let's Talk about You Marguerite Bro
A humorous discussion of the problems of manners and etiquette that confront youth in the teens.

Miss Behavior Bernice Bryant
A book of etiquette, personal development and lessons in loveliness for the Junior Miss.

Personality Plus Sheila John Daly
Answers the important questions about etiquette needed by teen-age boys and girls.

Susan be Smooth! Nell Giles
A handbook of good advice on grooming for girls.

This Way Please Eleanor Boykin
An informal book which explains correct behavior in
the home, school, business and social situations.

Your Manners Are Showing Betty Betz
A book full of humorous and colorful illustrations
with the basic rules for good behavior and smooth,
smart conduct.

CHAPTER VII

FOLKLORE

The vivid imagination of seventh grade students makes folklore an interesting topic for them. They consider themselves too old for fairy tales but they still like to delve into the world of make believe.

Alice in Wonderland Lewis Carroll
The adventures of Alice through the land of make-believe.

Amos and the Moon Jan B. Balet
A Chinese laundryman helps Amos work out a plan by which he could capture the moon.

Arabian Nights Arabian Nights
Oriental romances of wizardry and folklore of the East in rich and colorful writing.

Boy's King Arthur Sir Thomas Malory
A classical edition of the tales of Knights and adventure.

The Boy Who Could Do Anything Anita Brenner
A group of folk tales of the Mexican people as they are told in Mexico today.

East O' the Sun and West O' the Moon . Gudrun Thorne-Thomsen
A collection of simple but interesting folk tales of the Norwegian people.

Fairy-gold Ernest Rhys, Ed.
A collection of English folk tales. Some are old and some are found in no other compilation.

Favorite Uncle Remus Joel Chandler Harris
A collection of the best of the Uncle Remus stories about Erer Rabbit, Erer Fox and many other animals of the forest and farm.

- Fog Magic Julia Sauer
An imaginative story of a girl who moves between two
worlds through the medium of fog.
- Folk Tales from China Lim Sian-Tek
A group of historical folk tales from the great
body of Chinese folk literature.
- Golden Fleece Colum, Padraic
The story of the Golden Fleece with many other stories
of Greek mythology.
- In the Days of Giants Abbie F. Brown
A collection of tales from Norse mythology.
- Irish Fairy and Folk Tales William B. Yeats
Irish folk tales dealing with fairies, banshees,
witches, charms, and spells.
- Irish Fairy Tales James Stephens
Hero stories of the days when Ireland was young.
- Island of the Mighty Padraic Colum
A folk tale of Marory's knights full of folk magic
and beauty. One of the best of the hero stories.
- Midnight Folk John Masefield
An exciting story of pirates, witches, black cats,
magic, and a boy's adventure.
- Nights with Uncle Remus Joel Chandler Harris
Uncle Remus tells his tales of the adventures of
Brer Rabbit and sly Brer Fox.
- Paul Bunyan and His Great Blue Ox Wallace Wadsworth
One of the best known "tall tales" of American litera-
ture. The feats of a giant lumberjack and his huge
blue ox Babe.
- Russian Wonder Tales Post Wheeler, Comp.
The stories combine Oriental wonder and magnificence
with a great amount of cruelty.
- Story of King Arthur and His Knights Howard Pyle
The story of the "most honorable, most gentle knight
who ever lived". Arthur wins his knighthood, a sword,
and a queen.

Tales from Silver Land Charles J. Finger
A group of South American folk tales as they were
told to the author by the natives.

Tales of Wonder Kate D. Wiggin
Here are tales of black magic and gray. This is a
gathering of folk tales from all parts of the world.

Tall Tale America Walter Blair
An excellent collection of tall tales about this
country. Of special interest to boys.

Tall Timber Tales Del J. McCormick
A collection of the most popular of the tales of the
giant lumberjack, Paul Bunyan, and his men.

Thunder in the Mountains Hilda Mary Hooke
This is a group of Canadian legends about witches,
pixies, saints and the devil himself.

Uncle Remus and His Friends Joel Chandler Harris
Stories by Uncle Remus about all the animals in the
forest told as only Uncle Remus can tell them.

CHAPTER VIII

INFORMATION

Nearly all children become extremely interested in some subject and will read everything available on that subject. While their interest is often fleeting they will gladly read the material if it is available for them when their interest is high.

A Handbook of First Puppets Bessie A. Ficklen
Gives instructions for making puppets from a number of materials; also details on stages and three plays.

All about Pets Margery Bianco
Information about the care and training of toads, tortoises, alligators, cats and dogs with illustrations.

America's Story as Told in Postage Stamps . Edward Allen
The story of how postage stamps picture the events and achievements of our country.

Ancient Animals William W. Robinson
The story of ancient animals and the ancient world in which they lived as discovered by scientists.

And That's Why Maxwell W. Reed
Answers everyday questions about everyday things: land and sea, wind and weather, sound, light, sunsets, and deserts.

Book of Indian Craft and Indians . . . Julian H. Salomon
A collection of Indian music, games, dances, food and other subjects. Also the geography of various Indian tribes.

Book of Indians Clancy and Lucille Holling
Interesting information about the different Indian tribes and their customs and manners.

- Boys Book of Insects Edwin W. Teale
Tells about collecting and gives the life history
of insects such as beetles, ants, flies, wasps and
many others.
- Budge on Tennis Donald Budge
A champion gives some excellent pointers on playing
the game of tennis.
- Camping and Scouting Lore Atwood Townsend
This book presents information on all phases of
scouting activities for boys and girls.
- Four Hundred Tricks Howard Thurston
Directions for performing a number of tricks or
stunts that require little equipment.
- Freehand Drawing Self-Taught Arthur L. Guphill
Gives the principles and practices of good drawing
with illustrations.
- Hobbies for Everybody Ruth Lampland
Suggests hobbies to start, the pleasure of hobbies,
and how to make money with hobbies.
- How Man Made Music Fannie R. Buchanan
The history of music from its beginning. Traces the
development of musical instruments.
- Made in America Susan C. Smith
The story of various American craftsmen and how they
work.
- Mail Comes Through Charles G. Hall
The story of the development of mail delivery from
its beginning to the present in all countries.
- Making the Movies Jeanne Bendick
A simple explanation of how movies are made. Also
discusses the making of animated cartoons.
- Man's Long Climb Marion F. Lansing
An interesting and simple account of man's life,
showing the development of life's essentials such
as fire, speech, wheels, and power.

- Once upon a Time in Egypt Frances K. Gere
Everyday life and play of two children in ancient
Egypt during the Fourth Dynasty.
- Outdoors with the Camera Paul Grabbe
An interesting and simple discussion of the processes
involved in taking good pictures.
- Playing with Clay Ida W. Wheeler
Helpful suggestions for the beginner on modeling
with clay, and the story of pottery of all ages.
- Pony Express Goes Through Howard R. Driggs
A history of the Pony Express and tales of adventure
that make the Pony Express live again.
- Sports and Games Harold Keith
A description of sixteen sports as to history, devel-
opment, and rules and regulations for playing.
- Trains, Tracks and Travel Thurman W. Van Metre
Answers all the questions so often asked about trains
and what makes them run.
- Winning Football B. W. Bierman
Fundamentals of playing football by a master of the
game.
- Young People's Story of Art Ida P. Whitcomb
A simple history of art which describes the lives
and works of many of the famous artists.

CHAPTER IX

MISCELLANIOUS FICTION

Many good books are available which do not readily fit into any of the other classifications. For that reason this chapter has been added to make room for a number of interesting books which might otherwise be overlooked.

A Tree for Peter Kay Seredy
Peter lives in shanty twon, but the little tree he plants there gives him a vision of different things as it grows and he finally cleans up shanty town.

Adopted Jane Helen Daringer
A story of a little orphan girl and her life in an orphanage before she was adopted.

Buds' Christmas Carol Kate D. Wiggin
A beautiful story of the short life of a little lame girl and her unforgettable dinner party.

Caddie Woodlawn Carol Brink
A picture of the times and of frontier life with Caddie and her family on the Wisconsin frontier.

Call Me Charley Jesse Jackson
The struggles of a negro boy to fit into the life of his white companions when he moves to their neighborhood.

Candy Kane Janet Lambert
A friendly story of the life of a 14 year old girl who is a loyal friend.

Christmas Carol Charles Dickens
A fantasy of a London Christmas a hundred years ago. No Christmas is complete without this addition to the Christmas spirit.

- Dandelion Cottage Carol W. Rankin
The story of a group of girls and their adventures in getting a playhouse they could call their own.
- Eight Cousins Louisa M. Alcott
The story of a little rich girl who goes to live with her aunts, written in the pleasing style of Louisa M. Alcott. Good satire on women's fashions.
- Going on Sixteen Betty Cavanna
Julie at fourteen is suffering growing pains. Motherless, her chief affection is for her dog.
- The Green Turtle Mystery Ellery Queen Jr.
A mystery in which the curiosity of Djuna, the boy hero, heads him into plenty of thrills and suspense.
- Heart of Danger Howard Pease
A story of the French Underground during the last war and the adventures of American soldiers trying to get to Paris.
- Hitty, Her First Hundred Years Rachel L. Field
The adventures of a wooden doll as she traveled from Maine to become the idol of a South Sea Indian tribe.
- Homer Price Robert McClousky
A humorous group of episodes in the life of Homer Price who is a typical boy and eager for excitement.
- Johnny Tremain Esther Forbes
The thrilling story of a young silversmith apprentice who played an important part in the American Revolution.
- Little Men Louisa M. Alcott
The adventures of the gang who live in Mother Jo's home for boys and of their affection for Mother Jo.
- Little Women Louisa M. Alcott
The heartwarming story of four girls and their mother who are forced to earn a living while their father is away to war.
- Lizzie May Justus
This is the story of Lizzie and a delightful description of her Tennessee mountain people.

- Loblolly Farm Madge L. Chastain
Melinda has many adventures when she goes to live on
her grandparents' farm.
- Micky Sees the U. S. Carol D. Emersa
Adventures of Donald Duck, Micky Mouse, and Minnie
Mouse as they travel across the U. S.
- Mountain Girl Genevieve M. Fox
A mountain girl learns to be a nurse, marries a
young doctor and returns to her mountain folk.
- Paintbox Summer Betty Cavanna
The exciting and romantic summer a girl spends in
fascinating Peasant Village while painting for
Peter Hunt.
- Penrold and Sam Booth Tarkington
A humorous story of Penrod and Sam and their natural
genius for mischief-making.
- Ramona Helen Hunt Jackson
The story of the conquest of the redskins and espe-
cially of a beautiful Spanish girl who married an
Indian.
- Robin Hood Edna Reindel
An adventuresome story of a gay gang of outlaws as
they roam the country near Sherwood Forest and help
the poor.
- Secret Passage Betty Cavanna
The discovery of the secret passage helps to solve
a mystery connected with the Underground Railroad.
- Storm Canvas Armstrong Sperry
An exciting story of the War of 1812 with its sea
battles, its intrigues and duels.
- Swamp Boy M. B. Cormack and P. L. Bytovetski
A gripping mystery of an ambitious boy in the Okefino-
kee Swamp of Georgia.
- Three Mulla-mulgars Walter J. De La Mare
An imaginative story of three monkeys on a journey
from their home in the forests to the Lovely Valleys
of Tishnar.

- Thunderbolt House Howard Pease
A poor boy and his family inherit an old house and
there they have many exciting adventures.
- Tom Brown's School Days Thomas Hughes
Tom Brown played cricket and football at an English
school in the eighteen-thirties. The story of life
in the English school.
- Understood Betsy Dorothea Canfield Fisher
Tells of the happy life Elizabeth Ann lived after
going to live with her relatives in New Hampshire.

CHAPTER X

OTHER COUNTRIES

Children have a natural interest in people of other lands, especially if the stories are about children of their own age. They learn something of the lands and customs of other nationalities from these stories.

At Midsummer Time Emma L. Brock
The atmosphere of Sweden is described in this story of a girls enjoyment of a Swedish festival.

Crossing Canada Lilian Strack
The history, the industries, and the wild life of Canada, as well as its geography.

Firecracker Land Florence W. Ayscough
The story of the customs and culture of China as written by one who lived there for many years.

Green Wagons Oskar Seidlin
This story of a traveling theater troupe in Switzerland gives an excellent description of the Swiss people.

Hans Brinker M. M. Dodge
The exploits of Hans and Gretel are an interesting introduction to life in Holland.

Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates . . . Mary Mapes Dodge
The story of a Dutch boy and his struggle to get a pair of skates to enjoy winter in the Netherlands.

Heidi Johanna Spyri
This is a story of life in the Alps and the adventures of Heidi, a little Swiss girl.

Ho-Ming, Girl of New China E. F. Lewis
This is an interesting story of the adventures of a modern girl in China.

- Katrinka H. E. Haskell
Katrinka, a Russian peasant girl, goes to Petsograd where she learns to be a dancer and dances before the Czar.
- Little Jungle Village Jo Bess Waldeck
The story of a native boy and his sister in the South American jungle.
- Made in Mexico Susan C. Smith
A description of the charming objects made by the primitive artists of Mexico who carry their art into everyday life.
- Made in U. S. S. R. William C. White
A description of the arts and crafts of Russia with a background of folklore, geography, history, and social conditions.
- Nino Valenti Angelo
The life of a peasant family at work and play in an Italian village.
- Pageant of Chinese History Elizabeth Seiger
An interestingly written history of the Chinese from the beginning of Chinese history to 1911.
- Pepperfoot of Thursday Market Robert Davis
The adventures of a boy of the Bugar tribes in North Africa with an excellent description of a little known country.
- Sandalio Goes to Town Katherine Pollock
A Chilean boy and his pet calf introduce the reader to many interesting facts about Chile.
- Saranga: The Pygmy Attilio Gatti
The story of the life of a pygmy boy in the jungle of Africa.
- Sticks Across the Chimmney Nora Burglow
A story of the life of Siri and Erick on a farm in Denmark.
- Sue in Tibet Doris S. Still
An American girl goes with her father to spend the summer in far off Tibet.

- The Bombero Harry Levy
A group of tales about children who live in the Latin American countries.
- The Cottage At Bantry Bay Hilda Van Stockum
Michael and Brigit have plenty of adventure in their white-washed cottage in the blue Kerry mountains in Ireland.
- The Wishing Window Hortense Flexner
The story of two children in a French village during the war.
- The Young Brontes M. L. Jarden
This is the story of the growing up of the Brontes on the grey and purple moor in England.
- Tradition Anne Emery
A story of Japanese customs and a Japanese girl who must adjust herself to the American way.
- Whistler's Van Idwal Jones
This story of gypsies traveling around the country of Wales is full of the charm and beauty of a country which time has changed little.
- White Stag Kate Seredy
An epic story of the founding of Hungary and the vision of the White Stag which led them forward.
- Wind Island Hedwig Collin
The story of a fisherman's children as they play along the coast of Denmark.
- Young Mexico A. M. Peck
This is a glimpse of Mexico City, of the Indian villages, a trip to the mountain towns.

CHAPTER XI

POETRY

Nearly every child has some rythm and enjoys poetry if not administered in too large quantities. The books listed are collections of short poems about everyday subjects.

- A Book of Famous Poems Marjorie Barrows, Comp.
Some of the best known and loved poems by thirty-four poets, mostly American and British.
- A Little Book of Necessary Ballads . . Wilhelmina Harper, Comp.
A collection of 25 of the most famous and best liked ballads that appeal to young people.
- Boys' Book of Verse Helen D. Fish, Comp.
A collection of stirring poems of hunting, the sea, war, and adventure.
- Brindled with Rainbows . S. W. Brewton, J. E. Brewton, Comps.
Poems by many authors are included in this collection of poems about the sea, the earth and the sky.
- Childs Garden of Verse Robert L. Stevenson
A collection of poems about subjects which are familiar to every child.
- Come Hither Walter J. De La Mare
A collection of poems of wonder and beauty for all ages.
- Early Moon Carl Sandbury
A selection of poems which tell about Illinois farm life and a group about Chicago.
- Fifty Christmas Poems for Children . . F. B. Hyett, Comp.
A collection of old and new Christmas carols and verses.

I Hear America Singing R. A. Barnes, Comp.
A collection of some of the best folk poetry of America.

Love's Enchantment Helen Ferris, Comp.
A group of poems of special interest to girls.

My Poetry Book . . . G. T. Huffard, L. M. Carlisle, and Helen
Ferris, Comps.
A collection of nearly 500 poems selected from younger
poets. Arranged in broad subject arrangement and il-
lustrated.

Poems of Childhood Eugene Field
A group of Field's poems about nonsense, folk songs,
and make believe.

Rudyard Kipling's Verse Rudyard Kipling
A group of poems which will be especially enjoyed by
red blooded boys.

Silver Pennies B. J. Thompson, Comp.
This is a collection of modern poems on all subjects
for boys and girls.

The Home Book of Verse for Young People . . B. E. Stevenson,
Comp.
This is an excellent collection of about 500 poems
arranged under subject headings.

This Singing World Louis Untermeyer
A collection of some 300 poems that have been se-
lected for their appeal to young people.

Yesterday and Today Louis Untermeyer
This is a collection of poems representing earlier
days and also a number of poems of the modern period.

CHAPTER XII

SCIENCE

Seventh grade students, especially the boys, are interested in the things they see about them in nature and the universe. The following books are simple explanations of much of the phenomena which the students see around them.

Along the Hills Carroll L. Fenton

This book presents a clear story of how types of rock and rock formations have developed.

Boy Electrician Alfred P. Morgan

An elementary book of electricity with illustration by the author and simple explanations.

Boys' Book of Science and Construction . Alfred P. Morgan

A book covering all fields of science and including material on plastics, rockets, jet motors, radar, and atomic energy.

Dipper Full of Stars Lou Williams

Information about the stars, plants, constellations, meteors, comets and some myths and legends about them.

Earth for Sam William M. Reed

"The story of mountains, rivers, dinosaurs and men". Interesting information about prehistoric animals and plants.

Experiments in Science . . . Nelson F. Beeler and Franklin M. Branley

A group of easy experiments to perform and a scientific explanation of the result.

Exploring with the Microscope Raymond F. Yates

This is a non-technical presentation of the microscope and the adventures it holds.

- Fun with Chemistry Mac and Ira Freeman
A clear explanation of simple experiments that require
no special apparatus.
- Fun with Electricity Archie F. Collins
Diagrams and directions for performing experiments
and tricks with electricity.
- Getting Acquainted with Minerals George L. English
Describes the physical properties, simple tests, and
methods of collecting minerals.
- Now Try This Herman and Nina Schneider
A group of simple experiments that youngsters can
perform in physical science.
- 100,000 Whys I. I. Marshak
The author answers many of the questions asked about
everyday phenomenon and ordinary objects on the earth.
- Our Plant Friends and Foes William A. Du Prey
An easy to read book about many common fruits, vege-
tables, flowers, and shrubs.
- Plants Herbert S. Zim
After giving a picture of the plant world the author
shows how to start a hobby in the plant kingdom.
- Prove It Yourself Bertha F. Gordon
Simple explanations of ways to prove many of the
physical and chemical laws.
- Rockets and Jets Herbert S. Zim
A story of the history, design, and use of rockets
and jets told in a simple fashion.
- Science Experiments with Home Equipment John C. Lynde
A number of simple scientific principles are illus-
trated with the use of materials found in the home.
- Science of Things about Us Charles E. Rush
The story of many familiar objects of every-day use
and of modern processes of manufactures.
- Seeing the Unseen Robert Disraili
An interesting story of the plant and animal life
which can only be seen with the aid of a microscope.

Sun, Moon and Stars . W. T. Skilling and R. S. Richardson
An interesting introduction to astronomy including
an imaginary trip to the moon.

Volcanoes, New and Old Sates N. Coleman
A detailed and interesting story of the forces at
work under the surface of the earth.

What Time Is It? M. Ilin
The story of time and its use in scientific experiments.

When the Stars Come Out R. H. Baker
A clear introduction to astronomy that tells the
story of our solar system. Plenty of sky photographs
and illustrations.

CHAPTER XIII

SPORTS STORIES

The physical energy which is characteristic of seventh grade students naturally leads their interests to stories about sports. Since nearly all sports books for children are based on the athletic successes of some hero in the book, the child enjoys the excitement and suspense of each episode.

All-American John R. Tunis
An excellent football story of a large city high school team.

Arms for Living Gene Tunney
A world champion boxer tells the story of an American prize-fighter in the ring.

Boys' Book of Canoeing Elon Jessup
The fundamentals of handling a canoe with paddles, pole, or sails.

Brooklyn Dodgers Frank P. Graham
The story of a baseball team that has been playing the game since 1883.

Crimson Sweater H. R. Barbour
A tale of school life in which football leads in interest, but other sports are introduced.

Duke Decides John R. Tunis
Duke is a track star at Harvard and captain of the team. He later becomes a member of the U. S. Olympic team.

Fielder from Nowhere Jackson Scholz
A stirring story of a boy who was a good ball player and has an air of mystery about him.

- Granite Harbor Dorothy M. Bird
This is a story of life on Lake Superior with plenty of skiing, winter sports, and other activities.
- Gridiron Courage Everett E. Alton
A gripping, hard-hitting story of football by a former Wisconsin star.
- Half Back Ralph H. Barbour
A tale of prep school and an account of a Yale-Harvard football game.
- Keystone Kids John R. Tunis
This is the story of two brothers who come from the minors to join the Brooklyn Dodgers. Told in authentic baseball language.
- The Kid Comes Back John R. Tunis
A baseball player, injured during the war, returns to be a good ball player and overcome his physical handicap.
- Legion Tourney Wilfred McCormick
A good yarn about American Legion baseball, with some sound advice on the principles of baseball.
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The life of the great Yankee slugger who learned to play baseball on New York's Amsterdam Avenue.
- Pigskin Warriors Jackson Schalz
A football team from the United States was playing an exhibition game in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Plenty of excitement.
- Play the Game Charnley
A collection of sport stories about all the major sports and also swimming, skating and others.
- Rookie of the Year John R. Tunis
This is the story of Spike's uphill struggle as a youthful manager to weld the players into a hard-fighting team.
- Shift to the Right Beatrice J. Chute
A collection of stories about football, basketball, baseball, tennis, and winter sports.

- Shortstop Showdown Howard Brier
The struggle of an outstanding ball player in his
attempt to make the major league.
- Split Seconds Jackson Schalz
A group of short stories about track and field.
- Varsity Letter Franklin M. Reck
A collection of stories about the sports at an
imaginary college.
- Yea! Wildcats! John R. Tunis
A basketball story full of the tense excitement of
well played games.

SUMMARY

The preceding bibliography is not intended to have a limiting influence on the books which may be read by a seventh grade class. Rather, it is intended to be used as a source of books covering a varied range of interests, to attract the attention of the child to books which do meet his interest requirements and thus encourage more and better reading. The writer believes that teachers of seventh grade students will find the bibliography of use as an available source of books to recommend to children.

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